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## **RIVERSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT CONDUCTS UNDERCOVER "JOHN STING" TARGETING INTERNET PROSTITUTION**

Riverside, CA – On October 15, 2015, members of the Riverside Police Department's Vice Unit conducted an undercover operation in the area of La Sierra and Magnolia Ave. in the City of Riverside. The operation specifically targeted males soliciting females for prostitution through the use of various internet social media websites.

During the operation female officers, working in an undercover capacity, were solicited for prostitution and met with suspects (under guise) in order to perform sex acts in exchange for payment. Three suspects were arrested over a five hour period for solicitation for prostitution. Once the suspects were arrested, they were cited and released on their promise to appear.

Adults arrested for solicitation for prostitution or loitering for the purposes of prostitution could face jail time, up to a \$600 fine, or up to 36 months of probation, and must enroll in an AIDS Education Program. This operation is part of a continuing effort by the Riverside Police Department's Vice Unit to combat street level prostitution.

